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I have missed connections on the noon meeting the last several times I have been out there and there are a few items which perhaps should be mentioned to Mr. Bannerman and Mr. Coffey.

[ ] called me late Tuesday afternoon to say that he had submitted a paper to Colonel White outlining future program for COINS, indicating that we do not have anything in our 1970 program to support it. COINS, as you know, is in the experimental stage. When the experiment is completed there is to be an evaluation and determination of what the next appropriate action should be. The understanding in the community is that the CIA will assume responsibility for installation and operation of a store and forward message switch for the follow-on program if the experiment is successful. The Office of Communications has not put anything in its 1970 program other than a statement that funds and positions would be necessary if there is to be a follow-on COINS system. [ ] paper informed Colonel White that we had nothing in the program and offered some alternative suggestions to that approach. Colonel White elected the alternative which suggested that something be put into the 1970 program for funds and positions to support a study and development of system specifications for a follow-on to the COINS experiment. [ ] apparently did not coordinate his suggestions before submitting them to Colonel White. They came as a surprise to the Office of Communications and to me. I have discussed this with Bob [ ] who met with [ ] to discuss it sometime earlier on Tuesday. At the time of their discussion [ ] was talking about \$600,000 and fifteen positions to be put into the 1970 program for the conduct of a study and development of specifications. Twelve of the positions were to go into the Office of Communications and three were to go into the Office of Computer Services. [ ] who, I understand, subsequently reported it to Mr. Bannerman. [ ] later called [ ] to say that he did not plan to specify a particular number of positions but would include the \$600,000 and a general statement about position requirements. My current understanding is that Colonel White is to present to the Director the proposal that we include funds and positions in the 1970 program for the purpose of doing the study. Until the Director has reacted there is no action to be taken about amending the Office of Communications program for 1970.

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You will recall that National Security Action Memorandum 368 has been mentioned several times and that the Director submitted a reply last month which said in effect that it is not possible to develop a long term plan for an automated community intelligence information handling system. We said that it was not practical to develop a detailed plan by the date requested and recommended that each Agency continue to develop and operate its own information handling systems with the community mechanism working toward ensuring appropriate compatibility and interconnection among them. Rostow has responded saying in effect that he does not accept the Director's judgment about the difficulty of developing a plan and asking that the Director produce such a plan by 22 October. This problem was discussed by the Information Handling Committee on 29 May but the minutes do not reflect the action the Committee proposes to take. There is still a great deal of feeling among Committee members that it is not practical to attempt to develop the kind of plan PFIAB seems to expect between now and October although they do recognize that they must do something.

25X1 [ ] and I met with Larry Houston to discuss the desirability of regularizing the Agency's mechanism and procedures for responding to the requirement that materials be made available to the LBJ Library and Presidential Libraries in the future. Our files are not at all well documented to show exactly how the identification and selection of materials to be released to Presidential Libraries has been accomplished in the past. Our files suggest that each of these has been handled in a completely ad hoc fashion each time the subject comes up.

25X1 [ ] was the channel for transmitting materials selected for the Libraries to the National Archives but there is no policy guidance about the selection of materials and no responsibility has been fixed for the selection. I expressed the opinion to Mr. Houston that our participation had been rather perfunctory and could be embarrassing to the Agency if we don't do something to improve it. We reviewed briefly the kinds of materials which have been submitted and Mr. Houston agreed with the opinion I had expressed. I suggested that we might regularize our participation in the Presidential Library movement by

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I mentioned at a noon meeting a few days ago that I had suspended processing of the proposed Language Training Policy regulation because of some difficulties in satisfying the requirements in our processing systems. We have since discussed this with Bob Wattles who was surprised to learn that some of the provisions of the regulation are not the same as he understood they would be. At his request we are preparing a paper describing the difficulties we have identified which will be sent to him for his discussion with the Language Committee. Processing of the regulation will necessarily be suspended until we have the outcome of those discussions.



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